

PHI 376

# HISTORY OF ETHICS

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- What is the nature of morality?
- Is it a system of human conventions?
- Does it require a divine lawgiver?
- How can we know what morality requires?
- Is being moral necessary for a happy life?

We will consider these and many other questions by studying some of the greatest moral philosophers of history: Plato, Aristotle, Aquinas, Kant, Mill, Schopenhauer, and Nietzsche, with help from Elizabeth Anscombe, Philippa Foot, and others. Satisfies the GEP Humanities requirement.

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